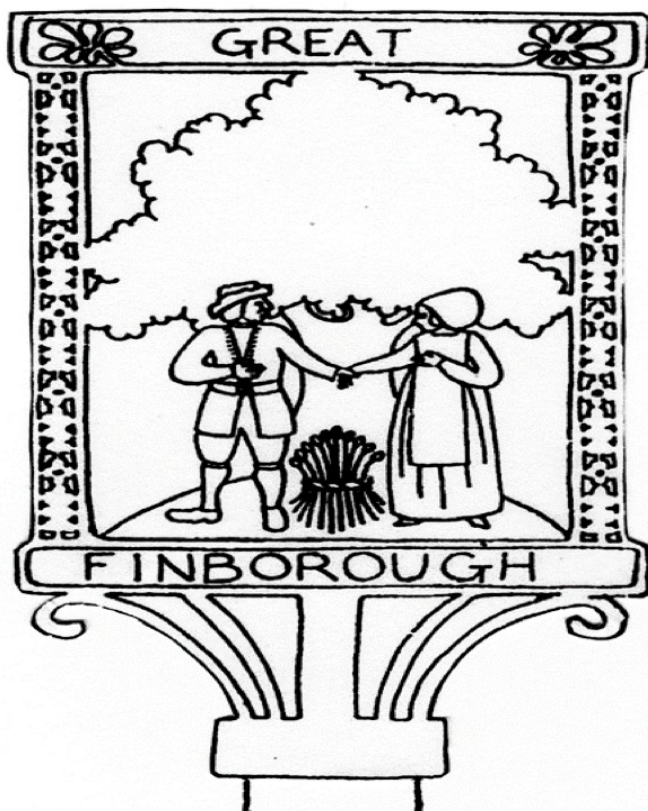


# **GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER**



**September 2021  
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## **VILLAGE DIARY**

### **September 2021**

9	7.30pm	Garden Club AGM, Pettiward Hall
11	9am-5pm	Historic Churches Ride and Stride
13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
16	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse

### **October 2021**

11	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
14	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
21	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021**

### **12 July**

13 September, 11 October and 8 November  
At 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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## **Editorial**

There are signs that things in the village are returning to some sort of normal with the holding of the Garden Club village barbeque and the Great Finborough Charity golf day last month. It's a shame that the weather hasn't been as back to normal as we would like it although as I write this the forecasters are promising us another hot bank holiday weekend! "We've heard that before" I can hear you shouting!

It is also great to report that our village pub, the Chestnut Horse, has been nominated as a finalist in the Great British Pub Awards 2021, we wish Sharon, Rob and Clare the best of luck, results are announced on the 28 September. Denzil thinks this is all due to the publicity he has given to it in his diary column which he believes has been widely syndicated within other prestigious magazines!

The Historic Churches "Ride and Stride" Charity Day take place on 11 September, further details on page 9. Perhaps after a good days' walking you could drop into the Buxhall village show for some refreshment later in the day and a chance to sample some of the lovely cakes on display.

Thank you to all who have supported fundraising for the village playpark refurbishment fund so far, further details can be found on page 5. If you are too old for the playpark but would like to further your overall wellbeing why not have a go at a Yoga class within the village, further details on page 16.

Don't forget, Garden Club meetings start again this month, why not come along and see what and happens, have a chat.

If you have stories to tell or news for the village, September 15 is the deadline for inclusion in the October issue of the Newsletter, please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner.

**Simon Tarabella**

## **Great Finborough Parish Council**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the upstairs room of Pettiward Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 16 August.

The clerk's report was read and it was noted that the District Councillor had provided a grant of £500 from the locality budget to help pay for the white entrance gates to the village. These have now been put on order. Councillors are encouraged to look at the Environment Agencies flood map to see if any areas can be identified that might be suitable for the holding of water during high river levels.

Planning matters were discussed and it was decided to submit a comment of "no objection at this time" for DC/21/04176, Construction of Vehicular access, land adjacent to Stone Barn and DC/21/04141 / 04142, alteration to external cladding, Chestnut Cottage.

The finance report for August was approved and payments authorised.

The play area risk assessment was reviewed and it was agreed to reinstate the third swing when the new bolts arrive for the swing frame. It was also decided to remove the Covid 19 posters from around the park. A quick update on the refurbishment project was given to the council members.

It was agreed to go ahead with the Housing Needs Survey with Councillor Tarabella heading the working group and being assisted by the Parish Clerk. It was stressed that the Parish Council must be committed to identification of land suitable for housing and to seeing the project through to completion should a need be identified from the survey.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 13 September at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room of Pettiward Hall.

**Paula Gladwell**



## **Great Finborough Playpark Update**

The project to refurbish the playpark is now at the stage where the working group have submitted applications to two grant organisations having passed their initial assessments for funding. We are now waiting to hear back as to whether we have been successful or not at the final stage of the funding application process.

We are continuing to fund raise and have had a good take up with the smartie challenge with several people already having filled up their empty boxes and returned them full of £1 coins. We would also like to say a big thank you to the Great Finborough Craft Group who held a summer fayre at the pub and raised £200 and also to the Great Finborough under 5's group who donated £200 from their fundraising efforts to put towards the fund. There is also a raffle ongoing in the Chestnut Horse with all proceeds going into the fund so thanks to all the people who have donated and that are running it.

The playpark is continuing to show its age and as well as the train engine being out of commission at present, we have also had to remove two swings as the bolts that hold them to the wooden frame have worn and were in danger of failing. New bolts have been ordered and hopefully will arrive soon so that they can be fitted and we can have the swings back in operation.

We know from all of the feedback that we have received from the questionnaires that the playpark is a very important part of the village infrastructure for families so please contact the Parish Council if you can help with further fundraising in any way.

Once again, thank you to all those who have organised and donated so far. Further updates to follow.

**Great Finborough Playpark Working Group**

## **Great Finborough & District Garden Club**

At long last the Garden Club members have been able to meet up again and we celebrated with the annual club BBQ held on the 5 August. Peter kindly allowed us once again to invade the lovely and productive garden of the Little House for which the club is very grateful. The weather was not kind to us but everyone enjoyed being together again and partaking of the many delicious dishes contributed by members and the BBQ cooked to their usual superb standard by Peter, Martin, Ian and Simon. Members generosity for the draw also raised a substantial sum to be donated to charity.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are due in September and the Treasurer would be most grateful if these could be paid by BACS transfer if at all possible.

If you need the club details to pay in this way, please contact Judith or Mary.

Our September meeting is the AGM and Social. This will take place on the 9 September at 7.30pm in the Main Hall of the Pettward Hall.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month; membership is only £15.00 per household per year and there is a charge of £2.50 for guest attendance at any single meeting. For further information contact: Judith Cameron on 672978 or [judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com).

**Judith Cameron**

## **News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen**

### **Land beside river Rattlesden bought by council for biodiversity**

I am delighted to report that a parcel of land beside the river off Wash Lane has been acquired by Mid Suffolk District Council. The purchase secures an important link in the chain of biodiversity from the source of the River Rattlesden to where it meets the River Gipping. The land, on the Finborough side, is in the flood plain and has been unused for several decades. It was offered at auction as a speculative development site, changing ownership twice this year, and in the course of trying to protect it, a group Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was granted in the Spring. It was actively marketed for development despite being subject to flooding and road access from the single-track lane.

Eventually the land was withdrawn from auction after failing to meet a reserve price, and the council agreed a purchase with the owner. I am especially grateful to local residents who spotted the opportunity and kept me informed. Also, to council officers who agreed to the TPO, bid for and eventually completed the deal, and to Cllr Fleming who agreed to funding of £65,000.

The intention is to first find out what flora and fauna are present, and then take advice from our ecologist advisors. Public access is likely to be very limited if any as the primary objective is to retain and enhance a link in the biodiversity corridor along the river.

### **Initiative to reduce flooding, especially at Burford Bridge**

With climate change making intense rainfall more frequent, the roads around the bridge have been made impassable more frequently over the last couple of years. Responding to a request from the Great Finborough Parish Council, I have met representatives of the Environment Agency and the County Council in their role of lead local flood authority (LLFA). Additional flood defences would be difficult to

justify when their first priority is protecting homes at risk of flooding. They did however respond positively to my suggestion that we should look at the tributary streams feeding into the river Rattlesden.

I would ask landowners along the valley to look at the Environment Agency flood map

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/map?easting=612316.91&northing=244992.26&map=SurfaceWater>

and see if there are locations on streams where minor works could hold back water during heavy rainfall events. While funding is not available from floods budgets, the consequential environmental benefits may be eligible for help under DEFRA schemes. If you can see opportunities, please let me, and your Parish Council, know. This request is being extended to Buxhall and Rattlesden as well as all the parishes I represent.

## **Replacing fossil fuel heating**

I have been asked what help is available to replace oil and gas heating with renewable energy sources. The domestic Renewable Heat Incentive is still available and provides funding over 7 years to offset the increased install costs of a heat pump. Details here: <https://www.gov.uk/domestic-renewable-heat-incentive> - in order for anyone to claim this incentive the installer must be a [Microgeneration Certification Scheme \(MCS\)](#) member – this would be a good starting point to assess whether an installer is suitable, and generally installers doing this work should have the [Trustmark](#) accreditation too – which is the government endorsed quality assurance scheme.

**John Matthissen:** [councillor@matthissen.net](mailto:councillor@matthissen.net). Telephone 01449 258894 (7 days a week !)

Or write to me at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market IP6 8RZ

**Suffolk Historic Churches Trust**  
**Sponsored Ride and Stride 2021**  
**Saturday, 11th September, 9 am to 5 pm**

Last year we had a record number of cyclist's and walkers taking place which it would be great to build on for this year!

This event takes place every year and was started in Gt Finborough by the then Vicar, Hugh Wake. The idea is you visit as many churches and chapels as you can during the day, (from a list of participating churches) and ask family, friends, etc to sponsor you. 50% of the money you collect goes to SHCT to support churches needing repair etc and 50% comes straight back to St Andrew's.

Please contact me on [mary-bbf@hotmail.com](mailto:mary-bbf@hotmail.com) or phone me on 01449 612822 for more information and sponsorship forms. I do hope everyone who took part last year will be able to do so again this year. If you haven't joined in before, then please join us and maybe visit churches you haven't been to before or an area new to you.

**Mary Williams**



## **Great Finborough Charity Golf Day**

Saturday 7 August saw the playing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Finborough Charity Golf match at Stowmarket Golf Centre. The weather could have been kinder to us but after a quick practice and fortifying breakfast of bacon and sausage butties, 24 golfers teed off in a shotgun start. Players were competing in teams of two (or possibly larger groups!) in a stableford competition using a greensomes format where both players teed off and then played alternate shots from the best drive. The course was soon echoing to the cries of "Fore" as teams mostly avoided the fairways at all costs and the tennis cry of "new balls please" was a common refrain on the second tee!

After the first 9 holes there was a refreshment stop (time for Jack to refill his caddie's bag with beer!) and the second 9 holes were played in slightly better weather conditions which didn't seem to improve the golf by much. At the end of the round players, caddies and supporters repaired to the Chestnut Horse for refreshments and the telling of tall stories regarding golfer's prowess and how the golfing Gods had conspired against us all.

When all the adding up, taking away and general golf skulduggery had been taken into account the winners were announced as Stephen Basey Fisher and Jack Lloyd. Well done to them both and also to Jake Waggott and Jamie Warner who won the nearest to the pin competition (and who also donated their winning back into the charity pot, cheers lads). After the prize giving ceremony the serious business of the day of having a few social drinks and catching up with friends took place until the early evening.

A huge sum of £525 was raised which will be going towards the Church Steeple Illumination Fund. A huge vote of thanks must go to Colin and Penny Waggott for the planning and organisation of the event and to



Duncan Burl for allowing us to use the golf centre and being such a good host. Also, thank you to Sharon and Rob at the Chestnut Horse for laying on the barbeque and drinks. A big thank you to all who took part be it players, caddies or supporters and a special mention to Marion who managed to carry Jacks beer supply around 18 holes of golf! Unfortunately, there isn't a picture of Stephen holding the trophy as Jack was reluctant to put it down.

### **The Bogey Boys**

### **The Pettiward Hall**

#### **"Little Ernie"**

The winners in July were John Grimaldi and Hazel Terry and in August, Peter Turner and Hazel Terry. They each received £9.25.

#### **AGM**

The postponed AGM was held on 30 June. All trustees were re-elected.

#### **Bookings**

All community events and activities and private hire can now take place at the hall, with risks managed by hirers, e.g. through ventilation, encouraging social distancing, hand washing and use of hand sanitiser. It will be appropriate at some activities or events that measures including the wearing of face masks and social distancing are taken so that people who are clinically more vulnerable or not yet fully vaccinated can attend. Please contact me for further information.

**Mary Preece**

## Non-members wild birdseed orders.

The next order will be placed on 28 September. Birdseed collection will be on **6 October between 14.00 and 18.00 hrs. from Abbey Farm Cottage.** If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque made payable to "Great Finborough Garden Club", or **by BAC's** "Gt Finborough Garden Club", sort 09-01-54, account no 20213287 please reference your name followed by B/S. Orders may be posted to or dropped off at The Little House, High Road, Gt Finborough, IP14 3AA, or if it's more convenient dropped off at 1 Valley Lane, Gt Finborough. Thank you. Peter Turner 07789727974 or p.turner125@btinternet.com.

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## **BUXHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Buxhall Village Show: Saturday 11 September**

We are thrilled that our Village Show returns after a couple of years' break. Plans and preparations are well under way. We are hoping that the weather will be kind to those of you growing produce and / or flowers either in your gardens or allotments during the final few weeks leading up to our show.

### **Reminder of important timings**

**6 September:** 6pm- All entry forms & payments to be received either at my home or to my email address.

### **11 September: Show Day**

8am – 10am: entries to be set up in the village hall.

The hall is then closed for judging

2:30 – 4:30pm: Doors open to the public to view the entries and results. Refreshments will be provided by the WI.

4:50pm ish: Presentation of trophies, Raffle draw and auction of produce

The programme was published in the July edition of the Great Finborough Newsletter. If you require another copy, please contact me and I will provide a paper or electronic copy.

### **Bangers, Beans and Bingo Evening: 27 November**

For the well-being of everyone, we are continuing to support actions which will reduce any possible risk of Covid transmission. Numbers for this event are therefore restricted. Anyone wishing to reserve places should contact Mim and Keith Proctor 01449 736598

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## **Yoga classes in the village**

Over the summer months it has been a total pleasure to teach Yoga classes outside every Thursday in the beautiful setting of the orangery gardens of Finborough School. I am so very grateful to the School for allowing us use of this wonderful green space, which I know from my students' comments has really enhanced the benefits of their practice. A good reminder to us all how nourishing it is for us to spend some time each day connecting with nature in some way.

I very much hope to be able to return to the gardens to teach next summer, but for now, thoughts are starting to turn to the cooler autumn evenings and a return to indoor practice. I am very pleased to say that from September, weekly Yoga classes will be returning to Pettiward Hall on Monday evenings. Numbers will be kept small to allow for plenty of space between participants and to help everyone feel at ease. For those who prefer to practice from home, I will also be offering classes via Zoom on Thursday evenings.

Yoga is a holistic practice, with postures, breathwork, meditation and relaxation practices to improve overall wellbeing. As one of my teachers says, you feel better after Yoga, even if you didn't feel bad before. It is non-performative and non-competitive – a practice just for you, even when in a class – and you don't have to be flexible to practice or be able to touch your toes – if you can breathe you can do Yoga! So, if you would like to join me for a class, or have a chat to find out more, please do contact me.

**Catherine Rolfe**  
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## **From Onehouse Rectory Sept. 2021**

Dear Friends

At last, some really good news to share! After a great deal of hard work on the part of many people, we have a Rector designate: the Revd. Sarah Jenkins who will be moving from the Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice (Group of Parishes). I will leave it to Sarah to tell us more about herself when she gets here. We are not sure when this

will be but Sarah should be with us before Christmas.

As you will see from the Church Noticeboard, we are planning more services back in church but a reduced number of Zoom services will continue and in September we hope to reinstate the 9.30am Wednesday morning Communion services in Trinity Hall. Most of the services in church will be in the morning as the winter months draw on and the evenings become darker. It makes services in some of our smaller churches more difficult. We will of course be maintaining the safest practices possible and following the latest Government Covid 19 restrictions. Already we are enjoying being able to sing hymns in church once again albeit wearing masks! It's good too, to be able to have refreshments after the services.

As I write this letter, I can hear a combine harvester working in the distance signalling the change in the seasons and the way in which we are fortunate to live where we live and to be able to benefit from the hard work of so many of our local farmers. We see garden produce for sale by people's gates telling us that we and some of our neighbours have had a good crop of vegetables or fruit. It is at this time of year when we gather in our churches to give thanks for the harvest and those who grow the crops, gather them in and, if necessary, transport them around the country so that we, and others, might benefit from

all the hard work on land and sea. Some of the September and October services will be Harvest Festivals.

The pandemic has caused havoc in our world locally, nationally and internationally and we are not at the end of it all yet. However, it's a sign of hope that we can celebrate occasions like weddings, baptisms, harvests and other significant occasions back in our churches in the middle of our communities as people have done for centuries. Our sympathy and prayers go out to those who have suffered greatly as a result of illness; redundancy, unemployment; stress; bereavement and many other desperate situations. Life will never be the same again for some of our families; friends and neighbours – we all need to take time to listen and to walk alongside as well as using whatever resources we can to help. That's why I find it such an encouragement to note the Wednesday Coffee Mornings have returned as well as Meet Up Mondays and Knit and Natter groups to name one or two!

All of us in one way or another have been through a lot so I take particular delight in this quotation from a lady I admire a great deal, the late Maya Angelou who amongst other things was a civil rights activist. "We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty." These past months have changed us all but there is beauty to be found.

**Canon Pauline**

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### **Sunday Services**

#### **5 September: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 am.	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion.	Combs
11.00 am.	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

#### **12 September: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
6.00 pm	Compline.	Zoom Meeting

#### **19 September: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 am	Holy Communion.	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion.	Combs
11.00 am	Morning Service.	Great Finborough

#### **26 September: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting
9.30 am	Holy Communion.	Harleston
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Buxhall
11.00 am	Morning Service.	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Harvest Festival.	Shelland
6.00 pm.	Evening Prayer.	Little Finborough

### **Weekday Services**

9.30 am on Wednesday	Holy Communion, Trinity Hall, Onehouse
10.00 am on Saturday	Morning Prayer, Zoom Meeting

**Although the majority of the Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted, we would like as many worshippers as possible to wear face coverings when attending church in order to minimise any possible risk of transmission of the virus. We realise that some worshippers may have exemption from wearing face coverings for medical reasons.**

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